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FLORIDA HIGHWAY PATROL REMINDS MOTORISTS TO STOP ON RED

~ Green means go; red means stop ~

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Most children know the basics of traffic lights but despite the simplicity of the signals, not all drivers obey the law. Red light running is preventable and dangerous, which is why FHP is highlighting the issue during *National Stop on Red Week* - Aug. 5 - 11. Troopers will join other state and local law enforcement officers, who will be on the lookout for drivers who fail to stop at red traffic signals, and who place innocent pedestrians, bicyclists and other motorists in danger.

“As motorist in Florida, it is our duty to drive responsibly, drive safely and stop on red,” said FHP Director Col. David Brierton. “Troopers will take the appropriate enforcement action on those drivers who place themselves and others in danger by running red lights.”

The FHP offers tips on red light safety:

- Intersections can be dangerous — when the light turns green, look in all directions for red light runners before proceeding whether driving, cycling or walking.
- Do not race through a yellow light; apply the brakes and safely decelerate to a stop prior to reaching the intersection.
- If you run a red light, you are risking a citation and moving violation on your record, damage to your vehicle, higher insurance costs, hospital expenses and most importantly irreversible consequences if you injure or kill someone else.
- Decide today that you will always be ready to stop on red as a driver, cyclist or pedestrian.
- Obey speed limits so you have time and space to stop prior to entering the intersection.
- The tragedies and costs resulting from red light running are preventable.

The Patrol encourages motorists who experience car trouble on the highway or who otherwise need assistance from the FHP to dial **FHP* (*347) from your cellphone. FHP urges motorists to contact FHP or local law enforcement officials to report an impaired, aggressive or dangerous driver. Callers may remain anonymous.

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